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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On May 4, 2004 the secretary of the undersigned telephoned the Examiner to resolve an inconsistency in the Office Action dated April 15, 2004. Inquiry was made as to the finality of the Office Action. The Examiner agreed to issue a new, non-final action. No specific claim or prior art was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,


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